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TAKING IN THE WINTER AIR:

Ian Sachs flies off a bump at Sir Sams Ski area last Thursday. Downhill skiing is in full swing, but other winter activities were awaiting a substantial snowfall as of Tuesday.

Caution, not fear the mood as Y2K transition draws near

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Despite all the dire predictions about widespread power outages and chaos, most people seem to be approaching the new year with more caution than fear.

For instance, there are still generators for sale throughout the Highlands.

"People were worried well back in the year but I don't think they're as worried now," says Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber.

Ontario Hydro's reassurances that the Y2K bug won't infect the power supply seem to have eased many people's concerns that they could be without electricity at the beginning of the new year.

Although his generator sales are higher than last year, he hasn't sold as many generators as he anticipated, and he has some in stock.

But should the power go out at midnight December 31, you can be sure he'll be opening his rent-all business on January 1 for all those people who thought there was more hype

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Blazes
damage
home,
destroy
cottage

MENNO MEIJER

Staff Reporter

Two fires kept area firefighters busy over the Christmas season. Two structure fires, one in Stanhope and one at Kashaga Lodge in Haliburton put an end to festivities for two families. No one was hurt in either blaze.

The main residence of Kashaga Lodge, occupied by owners Ken and Cheryl McPhail, was damaged Sunday morning with a fire which began near the propane fireplace, according to Myles Maughan, Dysart et al fire chief.

Maughan credits the smoke detector with saving the life of

“The guys were surprised the dog survived it. He was sure glad to get out of there,”

Miles Maughan

Ken McPhail who woke to the sound of the alarm.

McPhail said he tried to find his fire extinguisher but in the excitement forgot where he had put it.

When firefighters arrived shortly after 8:30 a.m., McPhail was outside of the building. His wife and son were out of town. McPhail's dog was still in the house but survived the heat and smoke while hiding under a skirted bed.

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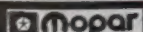
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Missing toys turn up in right place

Homebuilders make sure donations get the the 4C s in time for Christmas

The toy mystery has been solved. Last week, Aggie Tose of the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association wrote a letter about the mysterious disappearance of toys donated by Haliburton Tim-Br Mart and left at Halimar Lodge after their Christmas party. Later that week, someone came to pick up the toys, but it wasn't someone from the Homebuilders Association. Where had the toys gone? It seems someone from another group picked up both her office's toy donations and Tim-Br Mart's at the same time. Both batches of toys were then given to the Homebuilders, who didn't realize that the Tim-Br Mart donations were included. Rest assured, all the toys were delivered to the 4Cs just in time for the Christmas hamper deliveries. Everyone is glad to know the Christmas spirit is still alive and well and the disappearance of the toys was a simple mix-up.

We had a phone call from Brian Hunter who's come

up with a couple of ideas of what to call the upcoming decade. How about the Y2Ks or the 2Ks? He can even envision parents calling their newborn babies Tookay, or a variation on the theme. We were glad to hear he was back home in Haliburton after spending several days at a respite centre in Fenelon Falls. This was his second stay at the comfortable, home-like facility oper-

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news and events worth noting

ated by Victoria County Community Care. There are all the amenities and privacy of home, but nursing help is always on hand when you need it. He doesn't recommend that people get sick, but if they do have health problems, he highly recommends the respite centre as a place to recuperate.

If people were expecting to buy an Acute Care Bear as a last-minute Christmas gift, they were likely disappointed. The last of the 500 bears sold last week, much to the pleasure of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which received the proceeds from the sale of the adorable stuffed toys. Last year at various locations throughout the county, 350 bears were sold. This year the Foundation ordered 500, getting them at cost from Cranberry Cottage, and they sold out in an even shorter time frame. Not surprisingly, the Foundation is planning on having a 2000 model next fall.

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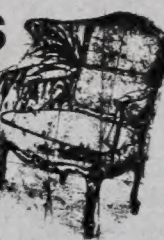
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People look for quiet places to mark the coming of the millennium

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

There may not be any "big" celebrations this New Year's in the Highlands, but there will be hundreds of small ones as people choose to ring in the new millennium with friends and family.

Instead of glitz and fireworks, revellers seem to be opting for quiet get-togethers with the people they care most about.

That makes the Highlands one of the perfect destinations for the holiday.

"From what I'm seeing, there's an extreme scarcity of space" in the county's resorts, bed and breakfasts and accommodation facilities, Peter Rigby of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce said early last week.

"You can be a romantic couple for the next 20 years but you'll only have one millennium to spend with your family,"

Dale Bull

"It was slow starting but then it was almost an avalanche," he says of the calls coming into the Minden tourism office from people seeking accommodation in the Highlands for December 31. "A couple of weeks ago we were getting six calls a day. We might get one or two now."

While there are some couples who want a romantic getaway, most callers were looking for ways to celebrate with a group of friends and family. One caller

needed a place to accommodate a group of 25 people.

"The ones who are coming here are looking for something a little more laid back," Rigby says. "The ones who are looking for glitz and glamour are going to Toronto and Montreal."

Those spending their holiday here are anxious to have enough snow so they can ski and snowmobile, preferring outdoor activities an entire family can participate in.

That's what's on the menu at Camp Wanakita's "New Year's Family Camp." More than 40 people, primarily from the Hamilton area, will be arriving on December 30. The only rule for registration is that the group has to include both children and adults. In past years, there haven't been many registrants, says office co-ordinator Joyce McDonald, but the camp seemed to have a special appeal this year.

Along with outdoor activities, Camp Wanakita is hosting a special New Year's celebration - special because it's at Greenwich time. Staff and campers will gather at 9 to ring in the new year, allowing each of them to celebrate at midnight with their friends and family.

"We had some people who wouldn't come if they couldn't bring their kids to the party," says Dale Bull, the manager of Wigamog, which as of last week, had only five empty rooms left. "Everyone wants to be with their kids because the new millennium is a once in a lifetime thing."

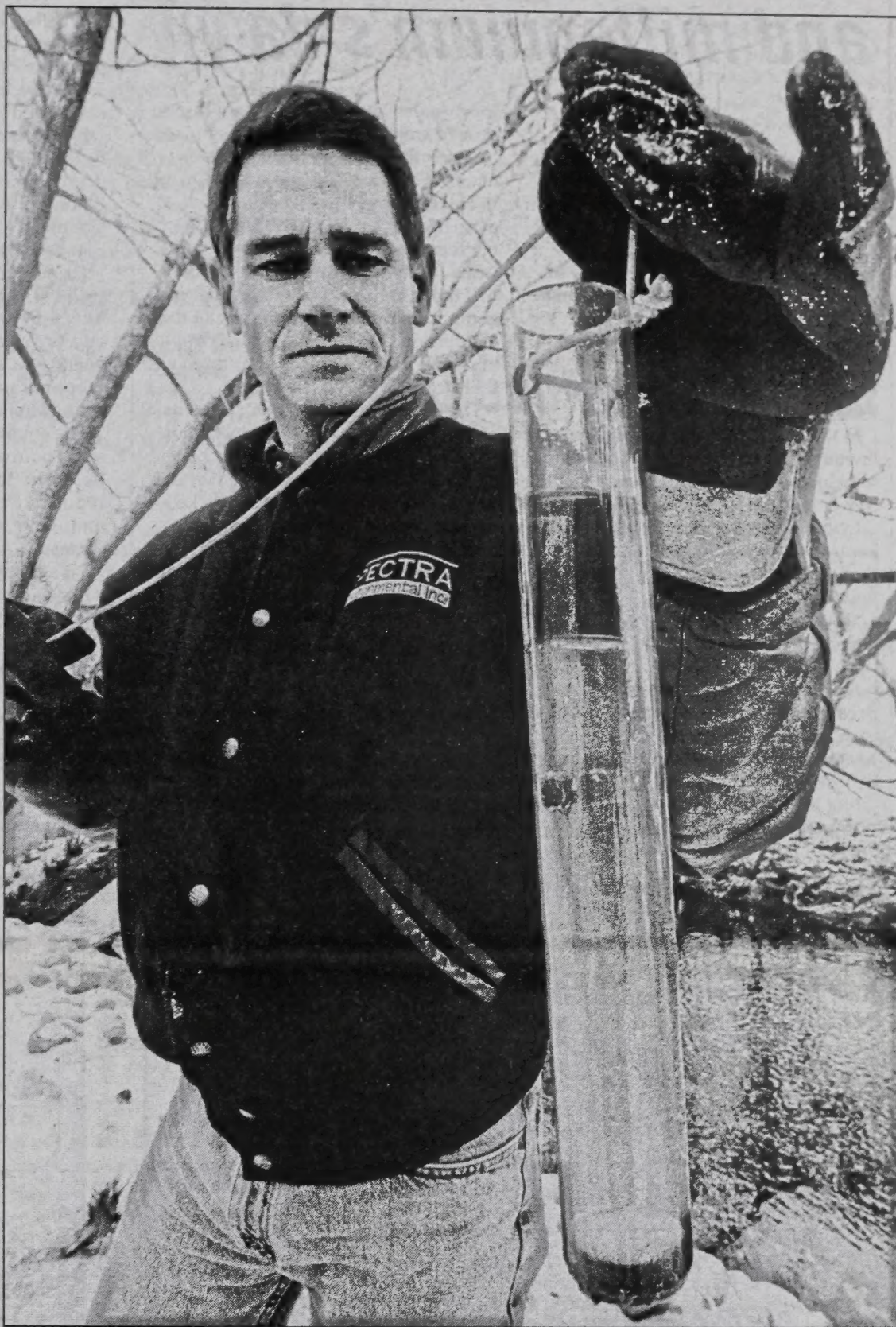
"You can be a romantic couple for the next 20 years but you'll only have one millennium to spend with your family," she says.

"It's more of a group thing than two people getting away for the weekend," says Jim Elstone, PineStone's manager. PineStone isn't as family oriented this New Year's, but most of the guests will be there as part of a group of friends.

"They want some company when the lights go out," he jokes.

Sally Moore of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast Resort says most bed and breakfast owners who have chosen to stay open for New Year's are pleased with the response. She's one of the few accommodation facilities to be booked months in advance.

The Chamber's Rigby says there are still some accommodations available for the week between Christmas and New Year's.



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OIL CHECK:

Steve Wilcox of Spectra Environmental displays a sample of water with five centimetres of oil floating on top. It was retrieved from a new catchment well along the Drag River in Haliburton village. The system was installed to head off furnace oil spilled in the 1970s above the river and separate it from the ground water before it reaches the river. The oil will begin to be pumped from the system by Christmas. The low degradation of the oil over the years means the oil separates readily, making the retrieval process easier.

Emergency care gets boost with needed extra funding

MENNO MEIJER

Staff Reporter

Emergency departments in Haliburton and Minden will get a financial shot in the arm. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has made \$90 million available to 85 Ontario hospitals to help them maintain 24-hour emergency room service. Included in this are 58 hospitals with less than 35,000 ER visits annually. Haliburton and Minden emergency facilities are on that list.

Larger hospitals in Hamilton, Ottawa, London and Toronto received similar relief with \$90 million over four years to relieve pressure on their emergency rooms.

Foster Loucks, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said he has no details on the funding yet but he believes it will be enough to meet the needs of the ERs in Haliburton and Minden.

"I think it will be sufficient to pay (ER physicians) \$100 an hour to put us on a level playing

field with other hospitals," said Loucks. "It's going to be a substantial amount of money but we don't really know at this point what it's going to be."

Emergency room doctors currently receive \$70 per hour worked in the ER. That figure is already higher at other hospitals like Bancroft's. Loucks said the funding will make the Highlands more attractive for new physicians.

"It will at least help retain those we have," he said.

Highlanders stay calm as they await midnight and millennium's dawn

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than threat.

"I'll even take Visa, even if I have to write the slip out by hand," he laughs.

Bob Patton of Northshore Lawn and Garden is confident he'll be able to spend his New Year's day at home in Minden. He too has sold more generators than normal, but customers have not said it's because of the Y2K bug.

His prediction is that "come February, there will be a lot of second hand generators for sale."

In the Highlands, many property owners have fireplaces or woodstoves to help keep them warm should the power go out.

Lyle Bacon says that while he was kept very busy delivering firewood in the fall, it's been very quiet these past few weeks.

"I was surprised," he says, having expected more people to be stocking up.

Earlier in the year, there had been predictions that there'd be an exodus of cash from bank accounts as people tried to ensure their investments would not be lost.

Not only have the banks done a lot of work to prevent any problems, but

they've also let customers know there's little to worry about.

"Everything is very quiet," says Sharon Sinclair of the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton. "There's been a lot of curiosity but no large withdrawals or big requests. Everyone seems to be satisfied (with the bank's preparations)."

"I thought there'd be more craziness about it," says Dennis Bowering of the Haliburton CIBC. "We've had a couple of people ask", but no one has acted on their fears.

The bank is offering paper printouts of account information if people want to be on the safe side. Bowering, however, still cautions that it's safer to have money in the bank rather than cached under a mattress at home. If there's a burglary, he says, insurance will only cover the first \$200 in cash.

Meanwhile, if you'd like to toast the new year with some bubbly but forgot to buy a bottle of champagne, have no fear. There's still lots of champagne available, despite predictions of shortages. You might not be able to get the brand you want - forget about Dom Perignon - but you won't have to do without even though you didn't buy a bottle back in the summer.

OPP getting ready for a busy night Dec. 31

Whether it is for the first days of 2000 or otherwise, there is a network of emergency services at the ready.

The County of Haliburton has just completed its emergency response plan which has been in the works for some time.

"We have no particular year-2000 plan," says Leslie Shepherd, Haliburton County CAO. "We didn't see any particular need for it."

He added it would be irresponsible not to have finished the plan before New Year's Eve when all other municipalities and organizations were preparing in the event of a massive computer-generated failure of infrastructure when the clocks change to Jan. 1, 2000.

The county's plan does not address any specific disaster scenarios but simply lays out the guidelines of who is to report where in the event of a disaster and which groups are to handle particular tasks for mobilizing necessary aid.

"It's a way to put a process in place," says Shepherd. He added there is no plan to deal with a communication blackout nor how to contact key people should the phone lines be down.

"It may be that we have to drive around the county and pick them up," he says.

The Haliburton Detachment of the OPP is treating New Year's Eve as a huge party night. In preparation for the longer bar openings and bigger parties there will be 16 officers on duty instead of the

regular five.

"Everybody's usually working New Year's Eve," says Sgt. Rick Gooch of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment. He added the millennium New Year's Eve will be special because of the heightened party mode and that is what the force is ready for more so than the so-called Y2K bug.

As far as a computer glitch knocking out the power, the detachment has received a generator just in case of a problem. Other than that, Gooch says, the OPP have been 2000 ready for months.

At the hospital there is also little concern over the date change. There has always been a disaster plan in effect to deal with emergencies and the hospitals have generators which are capable of maintaining lighting and heating needs at the facilities. All of the computers have been thoroughly checked.

"We've had some strict rules to follow through the Ministry of Health," says Betty Russell, executive secretary for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board.

The only difference on New Year's Eve will be an administrative one, says Russell.

"Foster (Loucks, CAO of the HHHS board,) has taken the precaution of being on call just in case," she said. He took his vacation early to be on hand and all staff members are ready to come in, as always, in the event of a disaster.

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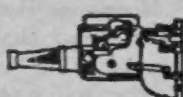
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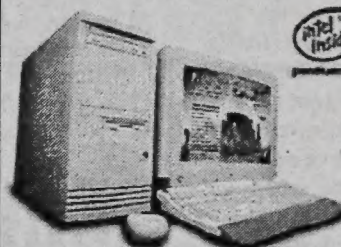
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THE GIFT OF WORDS

Willow Hutchings, 3, poses with Jennifer Wasmund, the health unit's access co-ordinator for pre-school speech and language services, in Master's Books last week after Wasmund presented Willow's mother, Kelly, with several books and a gift certificate from Master's Books for winning first place in a program aimed at getting parents to read to their children.

Beech Lake cottage burns

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glad to get out of there," said Maughan.

Fire damage was confined to the living room and kitchen but there was extensive smoke damage to the rest of the home according to Maughan.

He said much of the credit to keeping fire damage to a minimum goes to McPhail for keeping the doors closed so the fire could not get air.

Maughan stressed the need to keep fire extinguishers visible and near exits.

"They should at least be seen and not stuffed away in a closet," he said.

The second fire, on Redners Lane at Beech Lake Monday at 10 a.m., resulted in the destruction of the cottage which still had the Christmas gifts inside.

No one was in the cottage at the time of the fire, according to Tony Aymong, deputy fire chief. He said the son of owner Ruth Bergshoeff, David, was on the lake preparing a skating rink at the time of the fire which started at the back of the cottage by the porch and the kitchen. The rest of the family was away at the time.

"It is a total write off," said Aymong.

School books unwanted

The book which caused a stir in Ottawa has had little mention in Haliburton. My Ontario, The Millennium Momento, was distributed to elementary students when it arrived and to high school students last week.

The book is a collection of writing and art received from Ontario school children on their vision of Ontario in 2020. It is intended as a keep sake for life.

In some Eastern Ontario high schools students protested the distribution of the books. Their contention was the money could be better spent in the classroom. Since their reaction was made public students from other

schools across Ontario also have protested.

"I think the government's intentions were fine," says Gary Brohman, principal of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Left over books will be kept through the new year for students who may decide to get theirs at a later date but there have been no plans for the remainder of the uncollected volumes.

"One school out of Trillium Lakelands asked for more," says Brohman.

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Area communities get ready to ring in the new year in style

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They're lighting up Kinmount

The dedication and lighting of the new lights in Kinmount Heritage Park on Friday, December 31 at 6:30 p.m. will be the village's way of connecting to communities across the globe as it adds a "Beacon" as a visually dramatic, unifying symbol with other communities.

With the Beacon Millennium Project, everyone will be given their own beacon of light upon arrival in the park (or you may bring your own) to join with others across the globe who will be lighting candles, bonfires, and many other beacons of light to celebrate the new millennium.

The dedication of the new lighting in Kinmount Heritage Park will mark the moment as a significant milestone in the history of Kinmount. These lights will shine forever as a symbol of hope for world peace and renewal. The Church bells will ring out promptly at 7 p.m. when the lights are officially turned on for the first time. Hot chocolate will be served.

For further information call (705) 488-2635.

New Year's Eve parties

• There are only a few tickets left for the fun-filled Stanhope New Year's Eve Gala at the firefighters hall. For more information, please call Darlene Johnson at 489-3312.

• There is also a handful of tickets left for the Haliburton Legion's party with a live band, Willie and the Poor Boys. Evening includes cocktails, prime rib



buffet dinner and cold buffet after midnight. Phone the Legion for tickets, 457-2571.

• Several resorts, restaurants and taverns are planning special New Year's Eve celebrations and New Year's day buffets. Please check the advertisements in this week's Echo.

• Tickets are sold out for the party at the Minden Legion and the party at Lions Camp Dorset.

Ring in the new year

At 12 noon on January 1, the Rev. Christopher Greaves will ring the bells of St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton, joining thousands of other churches across Canada in this celebration of the 2000th year of Jesus Christ. People are welcome to drop by the church on New Year's Day and help ring the bell and pray.

The Rev. Merv Everall of the Anglican parish of Minden and Kinmount is also helping his parishioners take part in this special celebration. Bell ringing will take place at noon at St. Paul's Minden, St. Peter's Maple Lake, St. James Kinmount and St. John's Irondale.

At 12:00 noon on New Year's Day, the bell at St. Margaret's Anglican Church will ring for five minutes. Please come in and take a turn pulling the rope, or listen together to hear the bell welcome in the year 2000. Stay for prayers and meditation, then a bowl of soup. People are invited to help ring in the new year at any of these churches.

New Year's Levées

• From 1 to 5 p.m. on January 1, join the Dysart recreation committee for a fun New Year's Day Levée at Head Lake Park. There'll be food, skating, music, games, contests, rides and fireworks to entertain people of all ages.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the municipality's first levée. For more details, please see ad elsewhere in The Echo.

• A New Year's Day levée will be presented by the Monmouth Millennium Committee and Monmouth Township from 1:30 to 3:30 on January 1 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Do drop in to greet your fellow citizens, have some refreshments. There'll be coffee, hot apple cider and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

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Capital campaign for health facilities working very well

by DALE WALKER
Foundation Manager

One year ... \$3.2 million dollars in contributions and pledges ... on-going construction costs covered for two vastly improved health care facilities ... not bad! Yes this is the record that the capital campaign committee of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation has helped to achieve since its inception in December 1998.

Chair Don Popple and vice-chair Dave Gray both express optimism when discussing present progress and the eventual goal of raising \$5.5 million. "We are half-way up the ladder," Popple says, "It's obvious from the support that we have received that people want it."

Gray points out, "there were no major expansions of health-care facilities since the early 1970s and

quite likely this will be our only chance in the foreseeable future. Being part of making this become a reality is a tremendously satisfying experience".

Overall \$2.6 million has been received in direct donations and \$673,000 in pledges. These pledges are spread over a variety of time-lines, with the most common being a certain amount for each of five years. Donations in the form of planned giving are expected to increase as the public becomes more familiar with this long-term approach. As well, the variety of fund-raising events continues to expand reflecting the breadth of support for this project and providing opportunities for everyone to participate.

Small businesses right across the Highlands have shown tremendous support for the campaign with 46 businesses having already pledged up to \$50,000



PROPERTY OWNERS PITCH IN

Brian Watts, left, manager of Northern Eagle Tent and Trailer Resort, presents Dale Walker of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of the 100 families who jointly own the Kashagawigamog park. At the same time, Jack Sinclair presents Walker with a cheque for \$356 on behalf of the Maple Hills Estates property owners. Looking on are the Foundation's Gord Monk and Don Popple and Jim Andrews and Eric Thompson of Maple Hills.

each. In addition local service clubs have made pledges ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000. Gray says the next major thrust of the committee will be to approach major corporations who do business in the area. Already banks and insurance companies have

been contacted and have responded positively. Since the committee is composed of part-time volunteers it takes time to make these contacts in an effective manner but progress continues to be made.

Foster Loucks, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, says he is very pleased with the progress of the project. Generally the project is two thirds complete with the Haliburton site being somewhat closer to completion than the Minden site. Progress may be somewhat slower now as the new construction is nearing completion, and the more complicated task of renovation and tying together the old and the new is being undertaken. If all goes well the Haliburton site should be completed near the end of June — in time for the summer population explosion — and the Minden site should be finished in September.

Grand opening celebrations will be held next Fall, possibly in October, when Loucks is, "looking forward to inviting half the province — anyone who has had anything to do with the project"

Since local provincial and federal support has been involved there should be quite a crowd.

When completed, the two sites

will provide dramatically improved health care facilities to the area not only for long term care but also for emergency services. Ongoing plans include ensuring that both buildings are state-of-the art from a tele-technology point-of-view. As this technology becomes available it will enable distance and remote diagnosis and follow-up through direct connection with specialists and high-tech diagnostic equipment. As well the goal is to develop the second floor at the Minden site as a community health centre, with rehabilitation clinics being a prime focus. Since already 22 per cent of our local population is over 65, not having to travel great distances for cardiac, stroke or other rehabilitation is a key issue for healthy living.

Easy access to good health care is important to enabling people to live in the Highlands area year-round as well as in attracting new residents. In addition, although staffing formulas are established by the Ministry of Health, some additional staff will be needed in nursing and support areas. Together with the expanded educational and arts facilities these health care facilities are a vital link to economic prosperity and well-being for the people of the Highlands.



A WAY TO SAY THANKS

As a way of showing appreciation for their customers, and because their three children often make use of local healthcare facilities, Jaeson and Jennie Lee of The Hub in Carnarvon recently donated \$1,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Here the couple presents the cheque to Gord Monk and Dale Walker of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

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Putting the "happy" in the new year

JUST BECAUSE we'll be ringing in a new millennium doesn't mean we should stray from our old tradition of describing some of the things we can be happy about when we shout "Happy New Year!"

Gracious mathematicians: We know, we know – the arrival of the year 2000 does not truly herald the arrival of a new millennium. That doesn't happen until next year. (We're supposed to think of it this way: when you or a millennium are born, you start at zero. It's only after you've been in existence for 12 months that you celebrate your first birthday. We're approaching the zero of the new millennium and it doesn't legally arrive until it's one.) Thanks go

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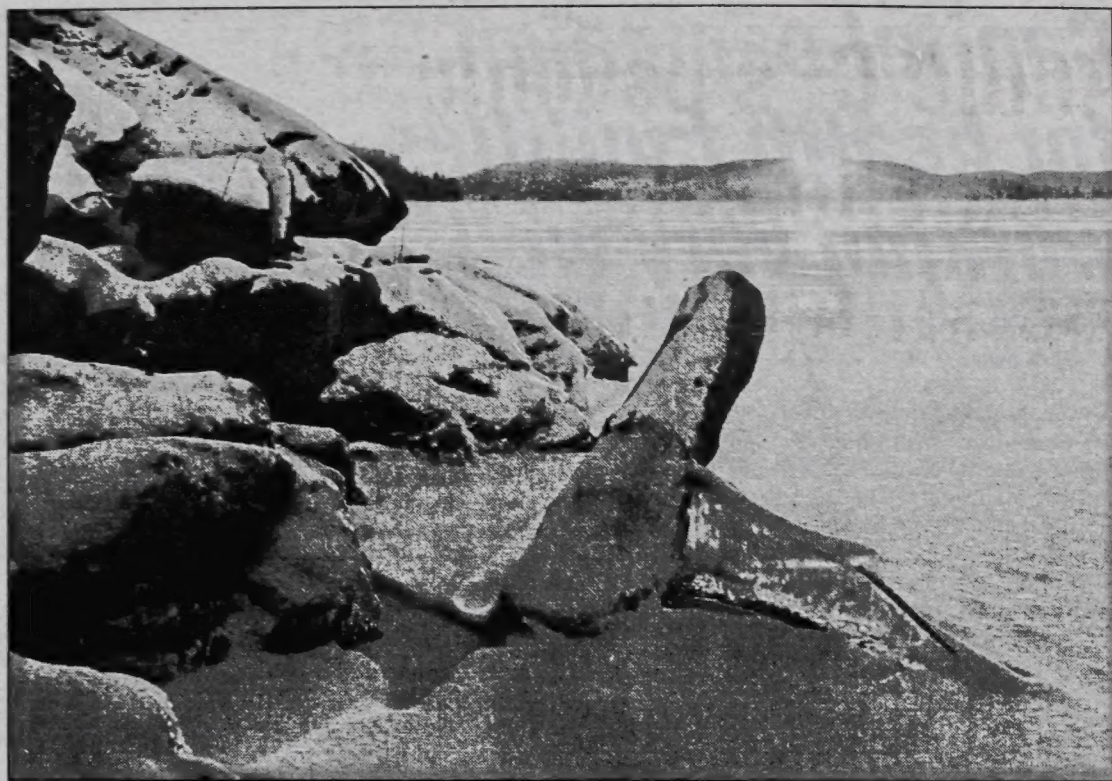
Maybe this is just a way of getting back at those early mathematicians who, when calculating "Anno Domini, the year of our Lord", apparently made a few errors of their own. In truly mathematically correct terms, the new millennium actually started a few years ago. But the math doesn't really matter when for the first time in a thousand years, we're going to write a two as the first number of the year instead of a one. Those are the numbers people can really understand.

Macintosh computers: There's nothing worse than a Macintosh computer snob, but since this newspaper is brought to you courtesy of these wonderful computers, we can't help but brag that the Y2K bug affects only those with an IBM-compatible machine. Of course, if there's no electricity with which to power our Macs, the foresight of its programmers will be a mute point; our screens will be as blank as everyone else's.

The library board: Over the past few years, the library branches throughout the county have been closed during the Christmas holiday – just when everyone has the chance to relax with a book, nibbling on all the chocolates Santa left in their stockings. Supposedly the holiday closure was a cost saving measure, but it certainly left the public out of the public library system. Thanks go to the board for deciding to keep the libraries open this year. That's a gift that can be shared and appreciated by many.

Editorial traditions: How can any mere editorialist try to come up with a new way of encapsulating all the aspirations and hopes that are to be unveiled by new year? How can words capture the significance – and at the same time, the very deep insignificance – of being one of the six billion people witness to not only the changing of a century, but an entire millennium? This editorial writer at least is relieved that The Echo's tradition of using the last editorial of the year to salute some of the things to be happy about spares her from such a burden.

Thesauruses: May everyone here wish all of our readers and advertisers a contented, satisfying, fulfilling and gratifying new year. Let it bring you all the happiness, rapture, blessedness, bliss and tranquillity you deserve.



The last day of open water

by Len Pizze

Literacy more important than latest technology

The technological advances over the past years have been amazing. Haliburton County is about to be rewired into one of the biggest newsmakers of this decade, the Internet, with an ultra-high-speed fibre-optic network. The construction of the system is going ahead in its first phase thanks to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's \$2.5-million contract with a cable consortium to connect the schools in its district.

That's just the price of the first phase from Huntsville to Lindsay. The cable consortium will somehow gather the remaining \$20-odd million from private industry as it goes along with constructing that first phase.

After that a similar amount will be required just to get it to Haliburton from Lindsay at a yet-to-be determined date. Then more for phase three to complete the loop back to Huntsville for a redundant link to prevent - God forbid - a disruption of communications due to a line failure during a storm.

Then, if all the bells and whistles work as planned, the school board will only have to pay an annual maintenance fee to stay on the four fibres they purchased at - once again - a yet-to-be determined cost.

The initial capital outlay for the board, regardless of how they get the money, will close in at \$7.5 million for all three phases if all goes well.

All this for an increase in speed for a system which is already in place. The Internet is available now. And if you need to talk to someone right away the telephone is just an arm's length away.

Some of the benefits of the new system, says Bev MacWilliams, co-ordinator of information systems for TLDSB, include distance education and the ability for the board's one technician to

do computer repairs from his office in Lindsay rather than travel great distances by car.

Aside from those rather unremarkable advantages there seems to be little reason to connect students at a huge financial commitment to super-speedy Internet access.

A Grade 12 co-op student I recently worked with, with a desire to become a photojournalist, was never taught grammar or phonics in school.

He often says things like, "I would've went..." or "I've ran out of film."

He is incapable of stringing together a coherent sentence when writing and his vocabulary is abysmal.

Students are not getting the education they need or deserve under the current system. And though it may be argued he is just one example of a child who slipped through the cracks the question remains, how is it possible for a

Grade 12 student to have progressed through the school system with no grammar instruction?

Before the school board spends another dollar on speeding up our access to the rest of the world, they should perhaps designate a Loonie or two for text books which will aid teachers in the education of our students. We might spend some on the arts while we're at it. That is after all the key to communication and to what is arguably our children's greatest asset, imagination.

Communication is indeed a big deal. The Internet may or may not be what brings the world family together. The jury is still out on that one.

One certainty is there is no use in having high-speed access to technology which cannot be used due to illiteracy.

It is time for the school board, and the government of Ontario, to rethink their priorities.



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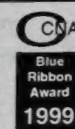


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Annie C.'s psychic predictions for the Millennium

I'm sure you've heard of JoJo's Psychic Prowess and Jeanne Dixon was always on every National Enquirer at this time of year, telling us what would happen to whom and when exactly the world would end. Well I figured that it was time for the local rag to have its own stab at soothsaying and who better than moi to put a spin on what is to come in the next Millennium.

You may be surprised at some of the headlines that Annie C. sees in the future.



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anecdotes

MARTHA STEWART DOES TOO MUCH - Due to overwork and overexposure, Martha loses control of her garden and kitchen. Her fine Kentucky bluegrass grows wild, weeds abound and she's left with nothing with which to make a charming wreath. Martha can't get a cake to rise and her cookie spritzer is clogged beyond repair. Worse still, a mad woman from Haliburton sneaks into her room at night and pins her hair back with bobby pins.

MIKE HARRIS AND CABINET MISS MAKING THE GRADE - In an effort to better bond with their constituents, the Harris government revert back to their roots. This backfires when Mr. Harris and some colleagues go back to Grade 8 for half a year and are held back for not meeting provincial standards. Other colleagues join the nurses union but are asked to resign as they continue to take lengthy coffeekes and vacations. However, the homeless are welcoming as they say the hot air generated from the MPP's alleviates the cold better than any social programs.

BEN JOHNSON RUNS AGAIN - Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson predicts he will not only run again but shatter all world records for the 100m. He will not even have to take a sabbatical from the pharmacy where he is employed.

JEAN CHRETIEN RESIGNS TO BECOME A CHEF - Making Paul Martin and other Canadians' dreams come true, Prime Minister Jean Chretien announces he will not seek another term in office. Instead he will pursue a love of cooking and study to become a chef, specializing in Cajun food with lots of pepper.

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING COLLEGE SET UP SHOP IN HALIBURTON - After much discussion, Sir Sandford Fleming College realizes that Glebe Park is perhaps not the best place for its new campus and decides on a lovely, larger wooded area further in the woods. They say there is no truth to the rumour that gold was discovered on the land, that they were merely thinking of the people and needs of their community.

BILL AND HILLARY SET UP A NEW LIFE FOR THEMSELVES - With Bill setting up housekeeping duties while Hillary is in the New York Senate, it seems that all of their problems are in the past. With new 21st Century technology, the couple are thinking of having another child. This time Bill will give birth. Hillary hires an intern for her office, the former butter commercial model, Fabio.

CURLING RUMBLE BREAKOUTS IN SUDBURY - In the fashion of a rugby match in England, crazed fans have to be subdued by OPP, RCMP and a detachment of the Canadian Armed Forces as two rinks go at it rock to rock at the Briar.

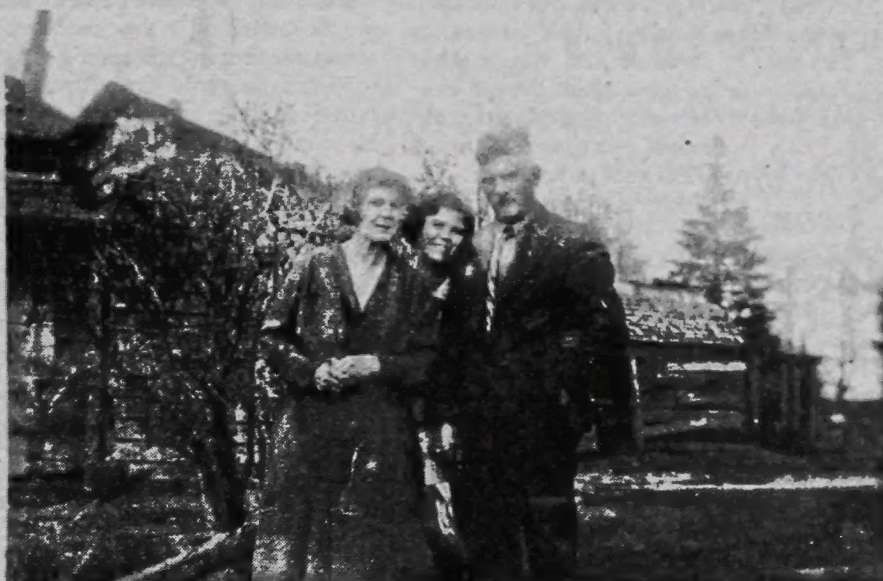
CANADA - WHO'S LEFT, EH? - In response to the separatist movement of Quebec, British Columbia states that they too are seeking independence from Canada. This motion is acknowledged and similar action is taken by Newfoundland-Labrador, P.E.I., Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Nunavut, Northwest Territories, The Yukon, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Premier Bouchard congratulates all of the new nations then issues a statement that says Canada is looking pretty good now and he thinks he'll counsel Quebecers to stay.

ANNE CREELMAN REACHES THE WORLD PIANO STAGE - After her heart-stopping rendition of "Tic-Toc the Jazz Clock" in the 1999 Haliburton Music Festival, Anne goes on to study with other piano greats like Oscar Peterson and Diana Krall to hone her piano skills. When asked to play a duet at Carnegie Hall with their mother, Max and Siobhan Creelman state that they were with her at the beginning and that was more than enough for them.

Okay, I never said I was good at this predicting headline stuff. But I'm sure even JoJo had to get her start somewhere.

In all seriousness, I would like to take this time to thank everyone for giving me such great feedback on my work and encouraging me to do more. I would also like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year and I hope that we all take the time to appreciate what we have. We are so lucky to live here in such a caring community and I truly predict the next millennium is going to be even better for all of us here in Haliburton.

Best Wishes, Anne



pic of the past

Sadly, Lou Porter, the man on the right, is most well known today because he was one of the Highlands' earliest murder victims. In 1905, he was shot while walking near what today is Hwy 35 near Camp Kilcoo. The trial of his accused murderer made him a cause celebre, eventually chronicled in a play, *Murder Pattern*, by Herman Voaden. In this photo, we see him with his niece Effie and her mother, Jane Tripp. It was taken at the Tripps' home near Donald. Our thanks to Mrs. Tripp's grandson, Murray Tripp of Haliburton, for sharing this photo with us.

letters to the editor

Millennium books a waste

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the recent P.C. government's gift to the students of Ontario. Millions of millennium memorial books were distributed to schools across the province to be handed out to the students. Yes, they are very nice books, beautifully bound, printed in full colour on

glossy paper and filled with wonderful poems and artwork submitted by children from all over Ontario. But how can the government cut educational funding on the grounds of eliminating frivolous spending, only to waste millions on pretty, but let's fact it, rather useless memorial diaries?

As an HHSS student, every-

day I see so many ways in which this money could be put to better use. In my OAC history class of about 30-students, at least 10 have to photocopy textbook chapters before every test because there are not enough texts to go around. And what about the countless children with special needs who require one-on-one care and do not receive it because the schools are unable to afford more EAs?

People need to protest this obscene misuse of tax dollars; then perhaps Premier Harris will look at the important educational issues and stop trying to buy the public's love with pretty trinkets.

Reagan Brown,
Haliburton OAC student

College, bypass go together

To the Editor:

An interesting possibility arises from the concurrent discussions about Fleming college and a proposed bypass from 121 to 118.

Why not designate land on the bypass to build the college? Make it a large area to accommodate academic buildings and student residences as well as an athletic field and future expansion.

In this way Glebe Park would not be compromised by losing lakefront, and Haliburton main street would have less heavy traffic.

The college would no doubt have its own cafeteria, which could be catered by a local eatery and a book and supplies store that could also be run by a local business. Probably an indoor swimming pool could be included for use of the public.

Other businesses could be prohibited from opening on the bypass to prevent deterioration of the center of town.

I don't know what the terrain is like or who owns the land, but such a large development would have to include sewage disposal, and this area would be well away from the lakes.

It's an idea, anyway.

Isobel Clee,
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your letters

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

Gus and the gang are taking a Christmas break. They'll be back in 2000!

Top hats and tuxedos the stuff of sweet memories

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL about New Year's Eve?" asked Matt. He was sitting on the edge of the bed in the spare bedroom, fiddling with a small car as he watched his mother going through the old closet. Matt called it the old closet because old things were kept there: yearbooks from his mother's high school, yellowed photographs, scraps of lace and curled locks of hair, and clothes, hangers and boxes full of clothes. Here his mother, Maria, kept items that had belonged to her parents and grandparents

and beyond. Matt liked to be close by whenever Maria went searching for something in the closet because invariably she'd retrieve something interesting to look at, maybe even something he could have. Already his room had three brittle old shells and a wooden whistle on the shelf under his window. Today Maria was looking for an ostrich boa to wear to the New Year's Eve party at her sister's. Against all past experience, Maria had decided to go out for New Year's Eve this year. Call it millennium madness, or whatever, as she told her friends at work, but this year was going to be different and so she would start it off with a bang, for a change. Now if she could just find that boa, her outfit would be complete. "New Year's Eve is an excuse for grownups to have a party of their own, Matt," she finally replied to his question. "It's a chance to say goodbye to the old year, and any

bad things that might have happened during that year and hello to a brand new one, one that might turn out to be the best year ever." Her voice was muffled against an old lamb's wool coat. Then she turned around in triumph, holding a dusty box with high sides. To Matt it almost looked like a shiny cardboard three layer cake. It was glossy black with pink and green patterned stripes.

"What's that?" he asked. "If I'm right, this should be the boa," replied Maria. She placed the box on the bed and shook loose the fitted lid, sending dust particles dancing into the air. They both peered inside, almost knocking heads. There, nestled on the white satin lining, was the softly pink boa. It was coiled around a black top hat, also of satin and looking like it would fit Fred Astaire perfectly. A manilla envelope had been slipped in between the hat and the lining.

"This was your grandfather's hat," she told Matt. "He used to wear it when he and your grandmother got all dressed up and went out dancing at a nightclub. It's what people used to do back then." As she spoke, she reached in for the envelope, then began to open it.

"Who are they?" Matt enquired, looking at the eight by ten inch photograph now resting in Maria's hand. She hadn't seen this picture for years.

"They're your grandparents with Uncle Sammy and Aunt Doris. Remember Uncle Sammy - the one who was hurt in the war?" Although Matt nodded affirmatively, Maria doubted he would remember hearing about his great uncle. Maria hadn't mentioned him or Doris for a long time. Like her parents, they were also dead.

Maria looked at the picture. The four people, obviously two couples out for a night on the town, were sitting around a small round table with a tiny shaded lamp in its middle. The faces were what caught at Maria's heart. They looked so young and confident, as though the world had just opened up for them and they were toying with all the possibilities. The broad grins on the men matched the women's silky smiles as they leaned forward toward the camera. Maria's mother and her sister Doris wore strapless gowns; her father and Sammy looked surprisingly comfortable in their tuxedos. You could almost smell the perfume and hear the ice tinkling in their glasses. On the back of the photo was written 'New Year's Eve 1947'.

"Can I have the hat, Mom?" asked Matt but Maria shook her head no. She wasn't ready yet to turn it into one of Matt's toys, even a special one. Along with the picture, it was still too precious. And as she turned to place the box back on the closet shelf, she was surprised to notice tears in her eyes.



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County awaits provincial approval

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the December 15 meeting of county council, with Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon in the warden's chair for the first time.

There's been no formal word from the Minister of Municipal Affairs yet about the county's restructuring plan.

"Ours hasn't come to the top of the heap yet," says CAO Les Shepherd.

Last month, the triple majority that was needed locally to approve the plan was achieved. This will see AHM amalgamate with Lutterworth and Snowdon, Sherborne et al join with Stanhope, and Cardiff, Bicroft, Glamorgan and Monmouth become one municipality, all on January 1, 2000.

In order for the new municipalities to be on the ballots for next November's elections, the Ministry's stamp of approval is needed by year's end. Since the government has been promoting amalgamations and the minister is not allowed to change the county's plan, there's little doubt approval will be given.

A phone call to the county office on December 23 revealed the plan has still not been approved.

Health Services

The county is prepared to begin negotiations with Haliburton Highlands Health Services over the transfer of Hyland Crest from the county's ownership to the HHHS's, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

The main outstanding issue, he says, is whether provincial legislation will be

changed to allow the county to keep its county status even though it will no longer own a senior citizens home.

Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed, who is a county representative on the HHHS board, says that the high cost of replacing windows and insulating a wall at Hyland Crest make the projects too expensive for now. New energy-efficient windows in the old section of the home would cost \$200,000, as would insulating a wall.

He said a recent presentation about the lack of therapy services in the Highlands "opened my eyes" about the number of people who were having to cope without access to essential services.

Roads

Building a by-pass around Ingoldsby would cost at least \$500,000 so the roads committee would like to look into other alternatives, Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon reported.

Some initiatives being considered such as not allowing heavy trucks and stricter speed limits.

Local university student Jesse Longworth will spend part of his Christmas break updating the report he did this past summer on all bridges and culverts in the county. The county is considering whether to assume ownership of all bridges and a recommendation will be brought to the next meeting.

Library

Now that internet access is available through the federal government's CAP program, the library board wants to come up with a policy about usage. Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison says the commit-

tee is worried about who would be responsible if a young person was accessing inappropriate internet sites while at the library.

The county library system expects to come in on budget.

Family Services

Young people do not seem to be as interested in the youth committee sponsored by Family Services of Haliburton County, says Harrison, who is the county's representative on the board. Few are showing up for the meetings.

"Maybe it's a good sign. Maybe they're doing well on their own," she said.

Meanwhile, Family Services received funding to purchase six canoes which will be stored and used at Camp Wanakita.

Local children often can't afford to take part in the lakeside summer activities which are so much a part of other children's life, she says.

Three new members have been appointed to the board: Jim Hopkins, Dorothy Owens and Peter Oyler.

GIS

A meeting has been set up for January 11 at the Dysart office to discuss the possibilities of using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to map properties in the Highlands. This is an important foundation for the establishment of 911 in the county.

The guest speaker will be a retired teacher from Perth, whose former students successfully used GIS to provide a similar service in their hometown.

CAO Les Shepherd says the teacher said "the results are more successful than he thought they would be."

Equipment for heart-catheter lab on its way to Peterborough

Peterborough Regional Health Centre and the Heart Catheter Campaign are pleased to announce that the major component for the heart catheter lab has been ordered and it is anticipated it will be delivered in plenty of time for the lab opening in April.

Philips Medical Systems are awarded the \$1.8 million contract for the major components and other companies continue to negotiate with the hospital on supplying other necessary parts.

Dr. Alnoor Abdulla, the cardiologist acting as the consultant on the project, is pleased with the decision to purchase a swing lab for a number of reasons.

"The Ministry provided our Region with approval for only one heart catheter lab. Our objective has always been to reduce or eliminate local waiting lists and at the same time have the ability to treat emergency cases. The swing lab allows us much greater efficiency and simultaneously the ability to handle emergency cases without significant delay. Having the Phillips digitally-networked swing lab means that we will have one of the most advanced cardiac diagnostic facilities in the country," he said.

Rob Devitt, CEO of Peterborough RHC, confirmed the hospital has received written confirmation from the minister of health for the provincial share of both the capital and operational funding and construction of the lab will start early in the new year.

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Reaching out to sceptics

Alpha program answers tough questions

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Staff Reporter

If you have a beef with Christianity, or want to know why it makes no sense to you, Alpha courses may be the place for you to voice your opinion. Or if you are looking to fill your spiritual void, again, it may be Alpha courses which can help.

Alpha courses are non-denominational meetings designed to allow people to voice opinions, concerns and questions about the Christian faith in a stress-free environment provided by one or more local churches.

"The purpose of this is not to grow the church," says Christopher Greaves, pastor at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. "The first thing of Alpha

is any question is welcome.

"If anything bothers you about Christianity, this is the place to ask."

It is a program which has been in use around the world for many years. It begins with an introductory meeting with a meal and videos. That first meeting is where some of the tough questions begin to come out.

Greaves says the program is aimed at people who might feel uncomfortable or intimidated by attending a church when they are looking for answers to questions such as "Christianity - is it irrelevant, boring and untrue?"

"It's quite humorous and thought

provoking," he says of the first session of the course. "Most people come back."

"Its interdenominational, it's Biblical and it's based around a meal so there's good fellowship," says Greaves.

He added the strengths of the program are the lack of sermons, there is nothing about how to worship and participants have the ability to speak freely with people who have similar questions.

"It is intended for a non-church person..."

"You've gotta let people go where they wanna go and explore their ques-

tions," he says.

In Haliburton, the fourth such course is scheduled to commence in January at St. George's. It will be the sixth in the county.

The program is free and everyone interested in participating is encouraged to join in.

"Bring your addictions if you've got them."

I'd like to encourage couples with children to come out," says Greaves, adding childcare will be available if necessary for couples to come out "We're trying to eliminate any problem people may have so they can come out."

The next Alpha course begins with an introductory supper on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at St. George's from 6 to 9 p.m.. For more information, please contact the church at 457-2074.

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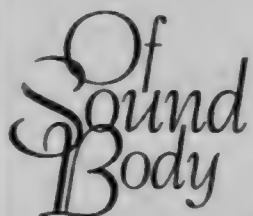
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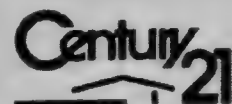
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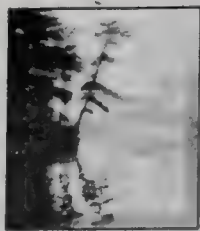
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Back off

A Minden player swings his stick back at a Haliburton player Wednesday in an attempt to shake him off during second-period action in the B championship final of the Atom B tournament in Haliburton. Haliburton crowned Minden 4-2.

Novice B

Huskies win 3rd tourney

Robert St. Pierre

With just 51 seconds left in the first period Lakefield slams one home against Haliburton. The score is 1-0 for Lakefield in the first game of the Haliburton Novice B tournament.

Halfway through the second period Daniel Sisson fed Scott Griffith an excellent pass and the Huskies made it 1-1. The third period was non stop action during which Cole Scheffee, Nigel St. Pierre and Griffith each scored a goal with assists by Scott, Daniel, and Jesse Luke Frybort. The final score was 4-1 for the Huskies.

Game two against Millbrook was much like the first game with no score in the first period, but the action was intense. St. Pierre put the puck past the Millbrook goalie late in the second period with a pass from the point by Frybort.

In the third period the Huskies let loose and Daniel Sisson drove one in from the point assisted by Brady Yavis. With nine minutes left in the

game Millbrook scored to make it 2-1 for the Huskies.

The Huskies came back when St. Pierre scored two back-to-back goals for the only hat-trick of the tourney. Yavis, Sisson and Scheffee assisted the last two goals of the game, scored by Steven Jacobs and Scheffee for a final of 6-1 for the Huskies.

Going into the final game of the tournament the Huskies acquired 10 points and Huntsville 10.5. The adrenaline was flowing to say the least.

As in the first two games there was no score in the first period. Huntsville scored early in the second but that didn't phase Haliburton as Jarrett Donaldson blasted one from the point unassisted. Soon after which Griffith scored assisted by Jacobs to make it 3-1 for the Huskies in the third period. Scheffee, St. Pierre and Jacobs scored to make it 5-1.

Huntsville came back with one more goal for a final of 5-2 for the Huskies.

This is the Huskies third consecutive tournament win.

900 number helps fund trail network

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The Algonquin Snowtrails Alliance Snowmobile Region has launched the first ever Trail Condition Snowline for snowmobilers. This line provides frequent updates of trail conditions for nearly 2,000 kilometres of OFSC trails in Central-Eastern Ontario.

The ASA trail system includes OFSC trails ranging from Gravenhurst through Haliburton, Bancroft and surrounding areas, as well as trails through Algonquin Provincial Park.

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Callers may be given the option to bypass the greeting and general report and access the ASA club's detailed report of your choice.

Some restrictions apply. First, you must be 18 years of age or older to make the call. Second, you may only call from Ontario or border area codes from Quebec. Third, due to billing restrictions, international calls cannot be made. Calls to the number from in-house hotel and resort phones will most likely not work. Calling card calls may work from pay phones.

The service is available 24 hours daily. The number has been active since Dec. 1. It will be in continuous operation until March 31. For further information contact Craig Bowker at 457-9348.



Submitted

Early bird A event winners from left are Terry Roche, skip, Tom Harkness and Gary Smith. Wayne McIlmoyle was not present.

Early Birds of winter curl

Haliburton Curling Club's Early Bird Men's Bonspiel was a huge success. Sixteen teams entered this recent three game event. The Haliburton Club welcomed teams from Bancroft, Toronto, Whitby, Huntsville, Bracebridge and Port Perry.

A Event - three game high winner - Haliburton rink comprised of Terry Roche, Tom Harkness, Gary Thorpe and Wayne McIlmoyle.

A new sponsor this year is Bowes and Cocks Ltd. - John Parish Salesman.

B Event - two game high - Bracebridge Curling Club, Stew Mitchell, Don McFarlane, Gerry Dressel and John Hunter.

C Event - Easton's Valu-Mart - 1 game high: Ab Norman, Chester Howse, Vic Hibbotson, Al Degrove.

Another great day in the Highlands!

Healthy tips for the holiday season

Lisa Box-Warburton

It's that time of year again, where we are all going to parties, having parties, and special dinners and eating too much.

Just because it's the holiday season doesn't mean you have to eat everything on the trays, or not treat yourself and eat nothing.

Moderation and activity are the key to being able to treat yourself to the foods

or drinks you enjoy and still feel good and not put on that extra five pounds people tend to put on at this time of year.

If you are not currently on an exercise program, maybe your New Year's resolution should be to start one, and if you have done this before and not followed through, then this is the year to do it and follow through.

Enjoy the Holidays.

Hockey school student pens thoughts

Team work is the key

BRANDON SEUPERSADSINGH

I have been playing hockey since I was seven years old. Out of all the sports I watch on television, hockey is my favourite. I enjoy watching and playing hockey because you can learn a lot of things by doing this. It teaches you basic life skills that you can use throughout your life.

You can learn how to be part of a team. It means a lot to be a part of a team. Teamwork is getting along with fellow teammates, passing the puck, covering for someone and helping out teammates.

Hockey also teaches you responsibility. Responsibility to get to the arenas on time, air out your equipment and put it back into your bag.

Sometimes if you lose a game, you still feel pretty good because you played good and if you didn't play too good don't start blaming it on others, realize what was done wrong and do better next time. If you win a game it is bad sportsmanship to go up to the other team and start bragging and calling names.

If you had the puck and another player has a better opportunity to score then you should make a pass, even though you would like to get a goal yourself. In hockey you also need a lot of heart. If your team is winning or losing just give it all you got and never give up.

You also need the killer instinct. If someone on the other team has the puck or if the puck is in the corner, don't give up, go after it and work for it.

If you want to go anywhere in hockey you have to be trained and disciplined. Training is one of the most important things in hockey. When you are training you get better and better. It helps you work on skills that you need to improve in; it prepares you for game situations and teaches value of hard work.

The value of hard work can also be used in life situations. If you work hard in school you can get a better job and if you work hard in your job you can make more money to support yourself and your family.

Discipline and dedication is getting up at five in the morning to go to a hockey practice even though you don't feel like getting up so early, but you do because you want yourself and your team to do better. If you really wanted to play forward but it would be better for the team if you played defense you should play defense because it's for the good of the team and that is showing a lot of heart.

Sometimes people can be really nasty about the things they say and they can lower your confidence. You have to learn how to ignore the rude way in which they say these things and try to take the constructive criticism to make you better.

Brandon is the 11-year-old grandson of Milan and Marie Frybort of Tory Hill. Last summer he attended the Haliburton Hockey Haven. He wrote this essay for school in Toronto.

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Hunters fined \$5.7 G for illegal hunt

Minden - Three people in a hunting party from Toronto and Wilberforce have been fined a total of \$4,450 after pleading guilty to charges related to killing a bull moose.

A 31-year-old Toronto man was fined \$2,150 on charges of shooting a bull moose without the proper adult validation tag and trespassing to hunt. Two men from Wilberforce, one 36 and the other 29, were each fined \$1,150 on charges of possessing the illegal bull moose and trespassing to hunt. All three men forfeited their portions of the moose.

In a separate case, a 49-year-old Orillia man was fined \$1,300 on charges of unlawfully shooting a doe white tailed deer without the proper validation tag and using another hunter's doe tag. The court ordered him to forfeit his rifle and the deer.

The four men appeared December 16, before Justice of the Peace D. Jackson in Ontario Court of Justice in Minden.

Fishing summary improved

Changes for 2000 made simple for Ontario anglers

Ministry of Natural Resources

Ontario's new and improved Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for the year 2000 became available last week.

"The (Ministry of Natural Resources) is excited about the improvements we have made to the new summary," said John Snobelen, minister of natural resources.

"We have redesigned the summary to make it easier for anglers to find the information they need."

Design changes to the summary include the separation of the northeast and northwest regions into individual sections and the simplification of fishing season and limit tables.

As well, all new regulation changes are highlighted in red.

Regulation changes for 2000 affect several parts of Ontario. It is the responsibility of anglers to consult the 2000 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for regulation changes in areas of the province in which they fish. The regulations come into effect January 1.

"New regulation changes found in the summary will add protection for fisheries while increasing angling opportunities," said Snobelen.

"As well, the changes will streamline regulations in some areas of the province and make the summary easier to use."

The summary will be available in MNR district offices and travel and tourism information centres the week of December 20. Summaries will also be sent to local licence issuers later the same week. The summary is available on the MNR Website at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/pubs/pubmenu.html

Anglers are reminded they must have a valid Outdoors Card and fishing licence before they may fish in 2000.

Huskies coming home-game schedule

- Dec. 29: 5 p.m., Atom B vs Minden (exhibition)
- Jan. 2: 11:30 a.m., Tykes vs. Woodville
- Jan. 2: 12:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., Novice B vs Cannington B1
- Jan. 2, 3 p.m., Novice vs. Manvers
- Jan. 2: In Minden, 5 p.m., T/C Bantam B vs. Keswick Edmonton
- Jan. 7: 7 p.m., Atom A vs. Ops.
- Jan. 7: 8:30 p.m., PeeWee A vs. Minden.
- Jan. 8: PeeWee B Tournament.
- Jan. 9: 10:30 a.m., Mites vs Fenelon Falls
- Jan. 9: 11:30 a.m., Tykes vs Bobcaygeon
- Jan. 9: 3 p.m., Novice vs. Orono.
- Jan. 10: 5:15 p.m., Atom B vs Sunderland
- Jan. 11: 7:15 p.m., Bantam B vs. Ops.

Snowmobile trails open at Haliburton Forest

Snowmobilers will be glad to know that thanks to its higher altitude and snow making machines, Haliburton Forest has been able to open many of its trails.

As of last Wednesday, all the main trails were covered with enough snow to start the new season at the 50,000-acre centre near Kennisis Lake. Because of The Echo's holiday schedule, it's not known at time of writing whether more trails have been opened since then.

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Food bank in good shape for 2000

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Staff Reporter

Five minutes before the door opened the lineup had begun. Inside workers at the 4Cs food bank made last-minute preparations to the 143 food packages which awaited families registered for Christmas.

Rows of filled boxes were still surrounded by shelves bent under the weight of even more food donated in Haliburton. Boxes of canned goods were piled under the tables and next door overflow was starting to collect until clients picked up their packages.

The surplus bodes well for the food bank well into 2000.

"The way I see it right now I don't think we're going to be short," says Ave Petch, food bank co-ordinator.

Petch said the community's purchases of bagged food at a local grocery store were instrumental in this year's successful drive for food. By

that morning 444 food bags had been delivered to the food bank and Petch expected that number to grow until Christmas. The efforts of the high school students through their Twelve Days of Christmas campaign also contributed heavily to the total collection.

Petch says the number of people helped annually is constantly in flux. She believes there is a portion of the population which needs help but is not asking for it.

Seasonal workers who make low wages for a portion of the year, she says, are also often the ones contributing to the food bank when they themselves would benefit from the assistance.

"They're the ones we really want to reach," says Petch, because their situation as working poor leaves them with nothing to fall back on in hard times.

"They pay all the taxes and the people on welfare get all the benefits."



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Ave Petch, 4Cs food bank coordinator, says the community came through in a big way this year.



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1999 "Light The Trees"

For the second year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees with lights sponsored by donations from the Community. So far this campaign has raised \$25,336.00

This year proceeds will go towards the building projects at the Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest. We would like to thank the following who have made a contribution to the 1999 "Light the Trees":

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at the Minden and Haliburton Hospitals.

The Foundation wishes to thank:

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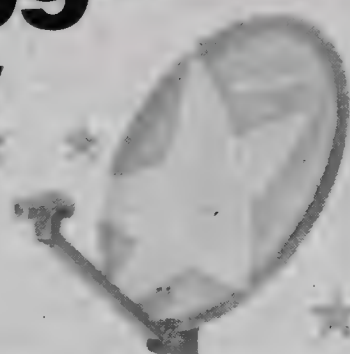
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Many options for healthy food in the highlands

To promote a healthy diet full of nutritious food for everyone, the Heart Connection and Stone Soup Group have compiled this list of where to get free or low cost food in Haliburton County.

Meals without cost

King's Diner

Drop in for a free dinner Friday evenings at 7 p.m. Haliburton Christian Outreach (non-domination). Fellowship activities after dinner. Everyone welcome. Below Henwood's Variety Store in Haliburton.

Contact Darlene McConnell at 754-3034.

Food without cost

Birth Companion Program - SIRCH

For pregnant women and new moms with babies up to six months of age. Provides fresh fruit and vegetables, milk and milk products. Prenatal vitamin and mineral supplements available. Prenatal nutrition program - support and information.

Contact: Linda Mintz at 457-1742 Ext. 31 or fax to 457-5352.

Community kitchens

CHACE Family Resource Centre - Haliburton

Dinner for families with children.

Thursdays 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Meal served at 5 p.m. \$3/family or help prepare or clean up. Different menu each week.

Lower level Halco Plaza.

Contact Abby Burke to sign up or for more information at 457-2989 or fax to 457-2309.

CHACE Family Resource Centre - Minden

Dinner for families with children.

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Contact Abby Burke to sign up or for more information at 457-2989 or fax to 457-2309.

Special Delivery Club

For pregnant women, new moms and moms breast feeding babies up to six months of age. Learn basic cooking skills, prepare and enjoy main course meal. Free.

Wednesday Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Contact Linda Mintz at 457-1742 fax to 457-5352.

YWCA Women's Resource Centre

For women with children or single women. Plan, cook and eat nutritious low cost meals. The focus is on sharing, laughter and learning. Free or make a small donation. Wednesdays 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact Paula Pepping at 457-1942.

School breakfast programs

Archie Stouffer Elementary School: Breakfast for learning program is available at Archie Stouffer School.

Drop in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Contact Kat Wilson at 286-4281

Wilberforce Elementary School: Free breakfast for all students attending this school.

Drop-in on Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 - 8:55 a.m.

Contact: Tammy Vaughan 448-3807.

Minden food bank

Emergency food for anyone in need. No cost. One visit per month.

Drop in on Wednesdays between noon and 5 p.m., or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Minden Valu-mart Plaza.

Contact Mary Hicks at 489-2297, Barb

Walford-Davis at 286-2042 or the food bank at 286-6838.

4Cs food bank

For people in need of emergency food. No cost.

Drop in on Tuesday, Thursday and

Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Community Christian Concern Centre (4Cs), Drag River Building, Haliburton.

Contact Bruce James at 457-4027, Ave Petch at 457-2666, or the food bank at 457-3331.



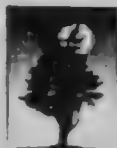
Crystal Dugan and Nikita Sawyer try out the salad at the recent Stone Soup Christmas dinner at the YWCA Women's Centre in Haliburton. The weekly cooking sessions are as much about getting together in a social atmosphere as they are about promoting a healthy diet.

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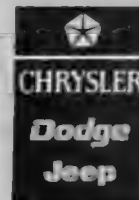
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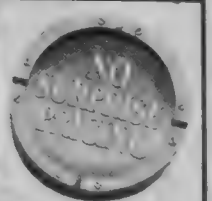
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- to be eligible for the prize, the photo must, in some way, include a copy of the Echo Newspaper.
- the deadline for submissions is Friday, January 7 at 5:00pm. Drop your photo off at the Echo Office, corner of Highland Street & Cedar Ave. in the Village of Haliburton, mail it to Box 360, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0 or e-mail it to echo@halhinet.on.ca
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United Church kitchen proves a dream for cooks

Twenty-six people sat down to the delicious turkey dinner at Maple Lake United Church last Sunday evening. The roomy new kitchen facility is all the cooks dreamed of and they obviously enjoyed working in it as much as we enjoyed what it produced!

Ian Cooper has been selected for the position of co-ordinator for Millennium Scholarships for the Province of Saskatchewan. He and his wife, Nadia reside in Saskatoon.

On Dec. 13 a second girl was born to Aletha, daughter of Karlene and Laverne Cooney, on Dec. 13 in Georgetown, a sister, Makenzy, to Sydney.

Darren and Debbie Sisson of Kingston were home with Norma and Ray Sisson last weekend.

Juanita (Sisson) and Terry Hougestol and sons, Marc and Matthew are home with Jennifer Wilson and girls for the holidays from Alberta.

Jean Morrison is back from her religious studies during three months in Austria.

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

Congratulations to Victoria Freeman, daughter of Mark and Krystaline Freeman, for her prize-winning poster in the Junior division for Remembrance Day.

The Holly Sisson family's hosting their annual open house on New Year's Eve.

community news west guilford

Area maple syrup producers to hold annual information day

The Haliburton/Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association will hold its annual information day and general meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at Caygeon Lanes in Bobcaygeon.

Visitors and non-members are always welcome. Lunch will be available. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for non-members.

For further information, contact Bill Beatty at 457-2176 or Louise Berry at 286-3705.

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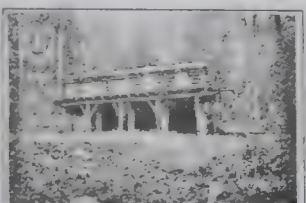
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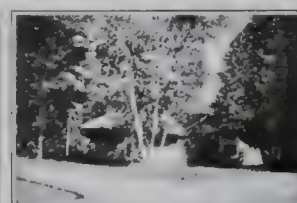
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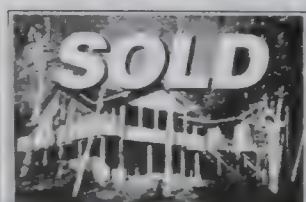
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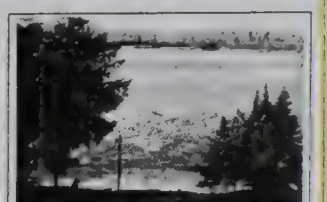
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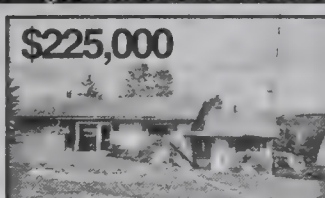
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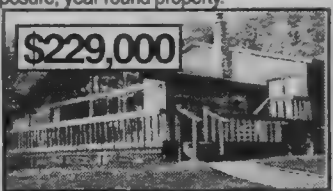
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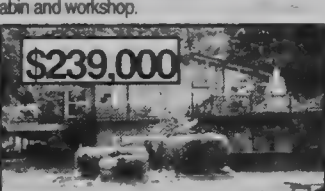
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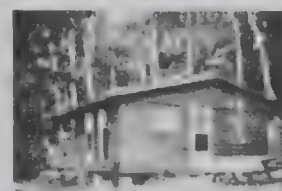
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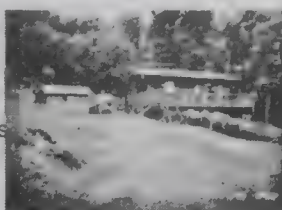
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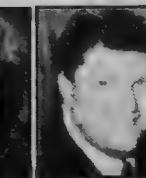
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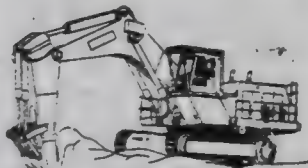
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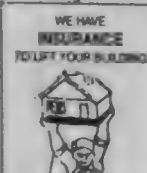
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A lot of familiar faces joined us for our December 16 tea. It was prepared and served by the past auxiliary of Hyland Crest. We thank you all for the lovely tea. The following afternoon we were entertained by Bert Bonnell and the gang. On Sunday we were joined by Pastor Dan Millard from the Kinmount Baptist church for Chapel Service.

On Monday we were joined by the Allsaw Pentecostal singers. We certainly enjoyed having them back. This was followed by tea and goodies served by the group.

Our chapel service was enjoyed by all who attended. This was a communion service. We also enjoyed the singing of the Anglican church choir. They sang some very special Christmas Carols.

In the afternoon we enjoyed a holiday trivia discussing the different ways that people in other countries celebrate Christmas.

Wednesday morning we enjoyed our exercise programs with Linda and Nancy. In the afternoon we enjoyed a discussion group with Nancy "Did you ever snoop" many of us raised our hands admitting that we at one time snooped.

Thursday, December 23 was a very special day at Hyland Crest. Walter and Vera Stevens celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, certainly a milestone. Congratulations from the residents and staff at Hyland Crest.

On Friday we had a Christmas Eve celebration with the Grandfathers. We were joined by another special guest "In Red".

We want to wish everyone who makes our lives at Hyland Crest special. A very Merry Christmas.

We had some unexpected visitors one evening this week. A group of children and adults came and sang a couple of Carols, thank you for thinking of us.

There has been many visitors over the past few weeks; we thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule. Things get pretty quiet around here after the New Year, so please come and spend a few minutes with us if you can in the new year.

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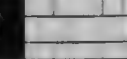
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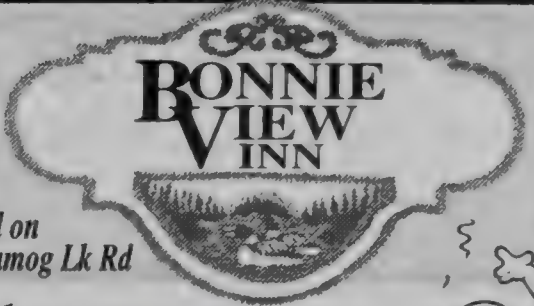
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• Dec. 31: Millennium New Year's Eve Dinner at Royal Canadian Legion, Kinmount.

• Jan. 5: Join Home Support's Wheels to Meals 12 noon, Corner Café, West Guilford. (704) 457-2941.

• Jan. 8: Traditional rug hooking. A beginner class in primitive rug hooking using recycled material will be held Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Rails End Gallery. Interested parties please call Peggy Beattie at (705) 754-2673. The class will accommodate 15 people. The cost is \$15. plus material.

• Jan. 10: 10/30 a.m. Scrabble Home Support Drop-in-centre, and every Monday. (705) 457-2941.

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• Jan. 26: Join Home Support's Wheels to Meals 12 noon Kei's Haliburton (705) 457-2941.

• Jan. 28: 1 p.m. Euchre Home Supports Drop-in Centre, and every Friday (705) 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Events welcome 2000

Levee, bell ringing will mark the new year

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

This is the last Wilberforce column of the year, the decade and of the 1999's. I hope everyone had a very merry time on Christmas and over the whole holy season. Now

we look hopefully to the new year, to the 2000's. Hopeful that great minds and technicians will have all our wonderful advanced systems and machinery merrily ticking along as the new year arrives. Hopeful especially that our electrical services will be available. Can't you just hear the cheers at midnight on Friday when the lights, furnaces and water systems continue to operate. Most communities are prepared for emergencies. The Lloyd Watson Centre will be available in this area as an emergency centre and people are on alert to be available to care for people.

The Monmouth Levee to welcome the 2000's will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 1:30 to 3:30 New Year's Day afternoon. Join the Monmouth reeve and council and members of the Millennium Committee at this reception, first event of 2000 at our community hall. Light refreshments will be available.

There are New Year's Eve parties, dances, at the Wilberforce Legion and the Harcourt Community Centre.

Do join St. Margaret's Anglican Church for a five minute bell ringing at 12:00 noon on New Year's Day. Many churches across Canada will be welcoming the new year 2000 in this way at the same time. Anyone who wants to pull the bell rope just show up and take a turn. You are welcome to stay for noon prayers, then soup, rolls and coffee downstairs.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild would be pleased to accept donations to aid in the publication of the LeRoy Miller book "Mustard Plasters and Hand Cars". Though most of the material for the book is in the hands of the publisher, we can still submit names of those donating \$50. or more for acknowledgment in the book.

A raffle, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and other fund raising activities for this project continue to be held.

The first Bonspiel of the new year will be Millennium Family Spiel on January 14 and 15, 2000. Eight teams have already signed up. If other teams want to take part, let us know soon.

The Loop Troupe will begin serious rehearsals for "Alice" this year's play on Wed. Jan. 5, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Though the play has been cast, the Troupe would be pleased to welcome new members to work on this production.

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Closing Date

January 19, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. Local (North Bay) Time.

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of an original allowance for road along the shore of Koshlong Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 13, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 (Part 2, being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Township of Glamorgan) on a Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S. dated December 17, 1998.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

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708 OBITUARIES

BRENNAN, HARRY (Resident of Extencare-Haliburton): At Extencare - Haliburton on Wednesday morning, December 22, 1999, in his 81st year. Loving son of the late Paul and Brigitte Brennan. Harry will be sadly missed by his family as well as his friends at Extencare. Also lovingly remembered by Joan Whitmore and family and Tina Rivers and her family of Peterborough and Harry Crittenden of Haliburton. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Monday morning, December 27, 1999 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) or The Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. CA

VIDA BERYL LESTER

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, December 24, 1999 in her 83rd year.

Beloved wife of the late Calvin Wesley Kent and the late George Lester. Dear mother of David and his wife Kay, Bob and his wife Marie, Bonnie and her husband Larry Butterwick, Sheri and her husband Brian Schultz. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and by her extended family and friends in the Minden area. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Sunday. Funeral Service was in the chapel on Monday, December 27th, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. CA

WINNIFRED "WINNIE" BEATRICE ROBERTS

Peacefully at Winchester Hospital on Monday, December 20, 1999 "Winnie" Roberts of Morrisburg in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late William "Dick" E. Roberts (1974). Dear mother of Donald E. (Diana) of Toronto and Edward D. Roberts of Markham. Devoted Grandmother of Julia (Darrell) Heron and Adam (Kimm) Roberts, all of Toronto. Proud great-grandmother of Mitchell and Emma Roberts, Paige and Aidan Heron, all of Toronto. Missed by sisters-in-law Rene Roberts of Haliburton and Dede Lambe of Ottawa. Predeceased by sisters Ella Clare, Evelyn Roberts, Myrtle Waters, Elaine Mitchell and brother Lewis Roberts. Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home, 28 Sir James Morris Drive, Morrisburg on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Where the Funeral Service was held on Thursday, December 23, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Bill Byers officiating. Interment St. James Anglican Cemetery, Morrisburg. Memorial donations to the Arthritis Society Gratefully acknowledged by the family.

708 OBITUARIES

WOODCOX, MABEL: At Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, December 23, 1999, in her 62nd year. Beloved wife of Herbert Woodcox. Loving daughter of Violet Dovell and the late William Dovell. Dear sister of Roseline Macduff of Gooderham, Gamet Dovell of Oshawa, Ann Kimmmerly of Bobcaygeon, Kenneth Dovell of Haliburton and Charles Dovell of Gooderham. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Monday, December 27, 1999 from 12 o'clock (noon) until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. CA

709 IN MEMORIAM

SIMMONS, LILA - in memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who passed away Dec. 29, 1998. Also in memory of a dear father (Don) and a brother (Terry). Always in our thoughts and prayers you are forever loved and sadly missed by our daughters Betty and Helen, sons Doug and Bert and their families.

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WE WOULD like to extend sincere thanks to all of our family and friends who attended, and for flowers, donations, food and offers of help. A special thank you to the staff of Extencare and Dr. Hartwick. Thank you to the ladies who put on the luncheon after the service. The family of the late Emmeline Gainforth-Bryant.

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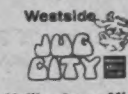
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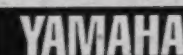
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